

Items of Interest of the Families
of our Ancestors. Requested by
L. E. Frank as a Legacy to my
Nieces and Nephews.

- Inda Frank Kurtz

THE CRAIG FAMILY

In the vicinity of Craig Ellachie, a rocky eminence in Scotland, John Craig married Jane Taliaferro in 1703, he died shortly after and she with her brothers, Captain and Robert Taliaferro emigrated to Spottsylvania County, Virginia.

She died from grief at the birth of her son Taliaferro (pronounced Tolivar, and later he was known as Toliver) in 1704. In the year 1730 he married Mary (Polly) Hawkins of Orange County, Virginia.

Toliver was a soldier in the Virginia Militia and a defender of Bryan Station when attacked by the British under Caldwell and Indians led by the infamous Simon Girty. Mary Hawkins, his wife, was the oldest of the twenty women at Bryan Station, who knowing the Indians were in ambush near the spring, brought water which made the defense of the Post possible.

She was born in 1716 and died in 1804. Recently a marker has been placed at her grave in a cemetery near Georgetown, KY., by the D. A. R. They also built a wall around the spring at Bryan Station, near Lexington and the first eighteen names are Craigs, "In memory of defenders of the Fort John Craig, John H. Craig, Elijah Craig, Benjamin Craig, Lewis Craig, Philip Craig, Frank Craig, Jeremiah Craig, Elijah Craig, Hawkins Craig, Toliver Craig, Toliver Craig Jr., John Craig, William Craig, Nathaniel Craig, Toliver Craig, Elijah Craig, Whitfield Craig."

Toliver and Mary Craig had eleven children, as shown our our Craig tree. They were John, Toliver, Lewis, Joseph, Joshua, Jane, Eliza, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Sallie and Jeremiah.

Lewis, Elijah and Joseph Craig were ominent Baptist preachers, who suffered much for liberty of conscience in Virginia. Washington said they were the "firm friends of civil liberty, and the preserving promoters of our glorious revolution". In 1781 Lewis Craig led his congregation of over two hundred through the wilderness to Kentucky, and it was known as the Traveling Church. (The quotation is from Mrs. John Houston's book. She lives at Burlington Junction, MO. and is a descendent of Toliver Craig.) Elijah Craig established the first school west of the Alleghanies where the classics were taught.

The ninth child, Benjamin, born 1751, died in 1822, married Nancy Stuman (do not have her dates). She was one of the water carriers with Mary Hawkins and we are eligible to D.A.R. through both. We surely must be eligible through him too and his name is probably one of the Benamine on the Bryan Station Wall. This grandfather laid out Port William, now Carrollton, KY., and owned the land from Port William to Craig Creek. He built a brick house a few miles above Carrollton, said to be the first brick house built on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River below Pittsburg. My Mother showed me this house in 1885, it was in ruins then and was located between the road and the river. In Walton

Craig's obituary and Kate Craig's notes on Craig history, both say Benjamin, son of Toliver, built the first house.

Benjamin and Nancy Craig had eleven children, their second child, Benjamin, born 1777, died 1849, married Elizabeth Morris 1799, born 1782, died 1857. She was the daughter of Joshua Morris and Sally Walton (sister of George Walton). We know little of Joshua Morris, he was a relative of Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 1 Page 289, Joshua Morris is included in the list of men recruited by Capt. Andrew McDowell for 2nd Bat. Penn. Regt., June 4, 1759. He was an extensive land owner.

Benjamin and Elizabeth Craig were the parents of Robert who married Malissa Price, (first cousins), Walton married Laurinda Peak, Anderson married Susan Carr (she was first cousin to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln), Albert Gallatin married Virginia Brooking, Benjamin married Caroline Gex, Silas was drowned with his father (information by Laura B. Craig), Joshua Morris married Annie Goodloe. Laurinda Peak had two sisters, Mrs. Silas Craig and Mrs. Sandy Faulkner whose husband, Sandy Faulkner, was Governor of Arkansas and was the original Arkansas Traveler.

Elizabeth Morris Craig was buried at the home of her son Walton in 1857. (Walton Frank remembers her death and burial.) I have a picture of her taken with her daughter Elizabeth Brooking. My mother treasured her preserve jar and it is now the property of Linnie Frank, of Madison, MO. This grandmother had seven negro maids, my mother in later years often wondered what they did.

Their second son, Walton born July 29, 1803, died August 6, 1892, married Laurinda Peak born June 9, 1809, died August 15, 1872. They were married in 1828 at her home in Scott Co. Her grandfather John Peak was a lawyer and partner of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States. She was the daughter of Pressley Peak and Judith Wilhoit of Culpepper Co., Virginia. They were buried on their farm, the old Peak House. Mrs. Nettie Morris Dixon of Arrow Rock, Missouri, thinks this land was given to John Peak for Revolutionary service. The Peak's came with Boone to Kentucky. Read "The Crisis" by Churchill and it will describe their journey. Judith Wilhoit was of German descent, and if we can trace our Wilhoit ancestry there is a fortune in Germany for us.

Walton and Laurinda Craig lived on a farm near Ghent, KY., Walton Craig lived on this farm sixty-five years. In his boyhood he often saw Indians paddling their canoes on the Ohio. I remember his telling about raising a brood of turkeys and taking them to New Orleans to sell. He was a pilot on a boat running from Louisville to New Orleans for several years. Later he was a merchant and farmer.

He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church for seventy-five years. The original church building was paid for in an unusual way. It was one fourth cash, one fourth beef, one fourth pork and one fourth whisky. "He was tall and slender, a man of sterling integrity and endowed with more than ordinary ability, and to the day of his death his mind was unimpaired. He was conservative and not easily influenced. He was never known to use an oath, drink intoxicating liquor or play at cards." (Copied from Obituary)

Walton Craig and Laurinda Peak Craig were the parents of nine children. Evalina Peak married James S. Frank, Isaac Watkins died in infancy, Elizabeth Morris married James Fisher, Dudley Peak married Emma Schenck, Marian Gex and Mattie Owen, John Anderson Craig only lived a few hours, Walton Craig married Emma Mitchell, Albert Gallatin Craig married Laura Huston, Benjamin Craig married Sallie Thompson, Leonidas Craig married Mary Talbott, after her death, Elizabeth Bennett. Evalina Peak Craig was born at the old Peak home in Scott County, September 12, 1830 and when she was six weeks old her father carried her in a cloth tied round his neck and he and his wife rode horseback to Ghent, fifty miles away. Laurinda Craig was an invalid from rheumatism for many years. Both Walton and Laurinda Craig were buried in a corner of the garden where Elizabeth Morris Craig was buried. Walton Craig's sons carried his remains from the house to the grave. Several years after Laurinda Craig's death Walton Craig married Mrs. C.M.C. Eaton of Iowa, she died many years before he did and he continued to live on his farm with the servants. Some of the family suggested he have Ev and Mr. Frank come live with him. He said "Ev was all right, she would work, but Jim Frank never would work". Another remark he made about Jim Frank, he said if he had gone to New York to live he would have been a millionaire.

THE WALTON FAMILY

George Walton twice Governon of Georgia, Chief Justice of the State in 1783, Judge of U. S. Supreme Court 1793, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the first Continental Congress and United States Senator was Walton Craig's great uncle. Walton Craig was also a cousin of Octavia Walton Levert, daughter of George Walton. She was prominent politically when her father was Governon of Georgia, was a writer, and named the capitol of Florida. Walton Craig was also a cousin of Edward Eggleston, the author of the Hoosier Schoolmaster. It was the latter's grandfather who rode his roan mare to see Chicago and came home disgusted, said he wouldn't give his roan mare for the whole of it, for it was just a swamp.

The site of the Walton Family is in Lancaster County, England, and is still owned by the Walton descendents. The noted Sir Isaac was a member of this family. There is a record held by the family of John Walton of England who landed in Elizabeth Co. Virginia in 1620. Capt. William Walton, a merchant of New York City, landed there in 1760 from Lancaster County, England, bringing the family arms with him.

Sir William Walton, a graduate of Cambridge College, England, in 1621 was a resident of Hingham, Mass. in 1635. In 1762 Thomas Walton, son of John and Hannah Walton lived in Kent County, Maryland.

The progenitor of George Walton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, was Robert Walton, from Walton Parish near London. He landed in Philadelphia with William Penn in the "Good Shippe Welcome" October 3, 1682 and lived there until his death. He was a cavalier and member of the Church of England, but later was converted to the Quaker faith. He bought land in Prince Edward County, Virginia, in 1710. His wife was Frances - - - -. The children were Robert, married Sallie Hughes, George married Martha Hughes, Joseph, Sherwood and Sallie. Martha and Sallie Hughes were daughters of Jesse Hughes who was born

in France. His parents were French Huguenots and brought him to America when a young boy. He married an English girl, Sally Tuleton.

Three of the four sons of Robert Walton emigrated to Virginia. They were Robert 2nd, George and Joseph, Robert 2nd, the father of George, the signer and Sally settled in Goochland County, although it is stated his son George was born at the Hughes home in Prince Edward County.

Robert Walton 2nd, and Sallie Hughes were married in 1740 and were the parents of three children, George, Robert 3rd and Sally. Their son George was born in 1741, came to Savannah, Georgia at the age of 18 years and worked as a carpenter while studying law. He married the daughter of an English Nobleman, Dorothy Chambers. Robert 3rd, married Miss Carter of Virginia and later moved to Burk County, Georgia. Their only daughter, Sally, born 1745, married Thomas Watkins in 1763. He was killed in the Revolutionary War and she later married Joshua Morris. Their children were John Morris of Illinois and Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Craig of Kentucky. They built the home now standing which has been modernized and is the home of Senator Perry Gaines.

THE FRANK FAMILY

The first members of this branch of which we have record were Thomas Frank and wife, Polly Johnston. They came from Culpepper Co. Virginia to the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky. Their son Johnston Frank was born August 15, 1809 and married Verlinda Simpson, November 26, 1829 whose parents were James Simpson and Juliette Luckett.

Johnston Frank's father (Thomas) died when he was twelve years old and from that time on he was the main support of his family. He educated one brother as a doctor. Aunt Linnie says that Johnston and Verlinda Frank had twelve children but she only gave me eleven names, as follows:

Harriet married James Scruggs, Thomas married Elizabeth Jane Petty, Luckett married James Ferguson (they lived at Paola, Kansas and Brother Dot tells a story of being there when they threshed wheat, sent it to Kansas City to be ground and they had bread that night made out of the flour), William Gibson married Jose Robinson, Jennie married Wirt Hains (she had the sweet disposition of the family), Ben married Mary, Annie, John and Lawson died in youth, Linnie ran away and married her music teacher when she was sixteen, she was a fine musician even after she was seventy and was still teaching music the last time I heard from her, James Simpson married Evalina, daughter of Walton Craig the last grandfather mentioned in the Craig line.

Johnston Frank and wife lived at Port Royal, Steeles Bottom, Rising Sun, and Grass Hills Farm. Verlinda died at her son's William Gibson Frank, at Williamstown, January 7, 1876 and was buried at New Liberty. After her death Johnston married her sister-in-law, Nannie Simpson, and lived at her home in New Liberty until her death. Later he married Miss Whissen and lived in Ghent. He died July 23, 1889.

FAMILY OF JAMES S. FRANK AND EVALINA P. CRAIG

James Simpson Frank was born November 7, 1830 at Port Royal, Kentucky. He only attended school three months after he was twelve years old and that was Bartletts Business College in Cincinnati where he was granted a diploma October 31, 1849. When he was a young man his father told him that Walton Craig had daughters and suggested he go see them. It must have been love at first sight for he married Evalina P. Craig in less than a year, February 24, 1852, and the night after their wedding they attended their infare and Harriet Frank's wedding. They had their wedding at her home, the brides cake was a pyramid of cakes and was in the center of the table, it was a mild day, and the family had their noon meal on the porch, for the table was all set in the dining room for the wedding. She was gowned in a white brocade silk with white kid gloves, jsut came to the wrist and had one clasp. I have one of them, but in the last few years the thread has rotted and the glove is in pieces. I also have her white kid slipper, it has no heel at all and she wore wool stockings under her silk ones to keep them on. Should have told first of her being educated at Georgetown College, graduating June 27, 1849. The autograph album given her by her father is very remarkable for the beautiful writing it contains.

They lived at Walton Craig's for several years. Walton and John were born there. I think James S. Frank was in partnership in general store with his father-in-law, he always called him Father Walton. He made frequent trips to New York to buy goods and on one of those trips soon after they were married he bought his wife a watch. (Walton has the watch). Their first housekeeping was in a few rooms of an old hotel in Ghent, with Phylis, a negro girl, gift of Walton Craig. I think she stayed with them until the close of the war.

The next move from Ghent was to Warsaw where Dot and Eva were born. While there they purchased their first sewing machine, a Wheeler and Wilson. A dressmaker there had one also. It was such a novelty that people basted and brought the work for my mother to stitch on the machine. Of course it was gratis. I think it was at this time they had their first lamps. One woman was so charmed she said it was cheaper than daylight.

While they were in Warsaw, Walton, John and John Russell were playing on the bank of the Ohio River and the sand caved in on them, completely covering the two Johns, and Walton about half way. Dot, almost a baby, was watching and screamed for help. Walton had on new boots and he remembers to this day they lifted him out without his boots, but the boots were recovered. The other boys were dug out and were black in the face and almost lifeless.

The next move was to "Grass Hills" farm, they had a fifteen room log house, weather boarded. Four of the rooms took fifty yards of yard-wide carpet to cover each one. After Ma and Walton had looked the house over, Walton said, "Ma, its the most wonderfulest house I ever saw". There was a little cottage in the yard and Ma wanted to move in that, but she didn't have her way. This was during the war and one night when they were away from home a company of fifty

soldiers spent the night there, it was roasting-ear time and the darkies took bags and gathered corn, and no doubt gave them a fine supper and breakfast. They left a voucher, but I don't know that it was cashed. Another time, there had been some stealing going on, and the neighbors formed a company with Pa as head and found four men whom they kept at their home overnight, taking them to Carrollton the next day - they were later taken to Lexington. Another event at Grass Hills was Jim's birth. In after years when his grandfather and grandmother lived there, he was with them much of the time and they had a little seat built on the back of their buggy for him. He was "their boy" and in later years Grandpa told me he loved Jim just as he did his other children.

Well the next move was to Ghent, in a very ordinary frame house. It was there another girl was born and Aunt Sallie Blanton was the neighbor who looked after the baby. When the baby was several days old Aunt Sallie wanted to know what they had named her, but she wasn't named. Then Aunt Sallie said, "You haven't named a child for your mother." Ma said, "No, Mr. Frank doesn't like my mother's name." "Well," said Aunt Sallie, "I'd name her for my mother if her name was fence rail." So Mr. Frank procured the Bible and wrote Laurinda C. Frank. The next move was to a farm above Ghent and Laurinda was carried by her Uncle Dudley as her mother was carried years before.

During the war, Walton and Dudley Craig were partners in a store in Ghent, and they wanted to close it out so they could work on the farm. They offered the stock for four hundred dollars, but could find no buyer, so they decided to have an auction. J. S. Frank went out to drum up customers, and they sold a few people boots. Others, after seeing the boots, came in and they sold four hundred dollars worth, and had about half of the stock left.

Our next move was to the brick house in Ghent, where we lived for about twelve years. Bettie was born here, but only lived about two years. She could play tunes on the piano. Her sickness is my first recollection. Laura was born here after Walton had gone to college.

We spent a very busy happy time here all going to Ghent College and Pa generally paid tuition for an extra who couldn't go otherwise. We called our home Preachers Home, for we entertained so many. We children were often sent to Grandpa Craig's to make room for guests, but that was a wonderful place to go and we don't wonder Aunt Bettie didn't know until she went to the City to live that victuals cost. Said she had heard people say certain people were too stingy to give one a meal and and she didn't understand it, for she didn't know they cost.

About 1856, Walton Craig Sr., his brother, Albert Craig and John Gex went to Missouri and bought land paying for it mostly with warrants, bought from revolutionary soldiers, paying really eighty cents an acre, but these were worth a dollar and a quarter when placed on government land, and they were issued patents for the land. Walton Frank thinks his grandfather had about seven thousand acres, a thousand for each of his seven children. The land in DeKalb County was part of this.

J. S. Frank purchased land later near Skidmore. The land attracted the younger generation. Lisas, Joshua and Gallatin, A. G. Craig's sons came to Missouri. Benjamin and Leonidas, Walton Craig's sons, Brooking Gex, son of John Gex, later Walton, John and Dot Frank came to Missouri. J. S. Frank and family came to Maryville, MO March 31, 1881. John and Dot and their families were living in DeKalb County. Walton and family lived in Maryville.

James S. Frank and wife celebrated their Golden Wedding, February 24, 1902. They gave fifty checks of fifty dollars each to Christian Church, to Charity Fund of Church, to Sunday School, to Ministerial Relief, to Missionary Societies of the Church, to Orphans Home, St. Louis - all given in memory of Laura Frank Roseberry. One each to Rev. I. N. McCash and Rev. Cleo Chilton, one to Mrs. J. M. Hosmer, one to Linnie Frank Bristow, one to Thomas Frank, one to Bettie M. Fisher, one to Benjamin Craig and one to Tillie Haines, a blind niece. The others to sons and daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. They also gave fifty pieces of Eva P. Frank's beautiful embroidery, the most of it made after she was seventy.

They wanted it to be a day of their giving, but they received some gifts and many flowers.

J. S. Frank died March 22, 1907

Eva P. Frank died October 28, 1906

They were buried in Oak Hill Cemetery at Maryville, MO.

CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND
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JAMES S. FRANK AND EVA P. FRANK

Walton Craig Frank - B. Dec. 8, 1852)
Delia Kavanaugh - B. Sept. 2, 1856)
Married Dec. 7, 1875
Eva Peak Frank - B. Aug. 26, 1877) D. Mar. 28, 1922
Glenn B. Roseberry - B. July 14, 1874)
Married July 14, 1902
Esther Ardelia Roseberry - B. Sept. 5, 1907)
E. L. Edwards - B. June 19, 1906)
Married May 2, 1929
Laura Phebe Roseberry - B. July 25, 1915

Archer K. Frank - B. Sept. 10, 1879)
Maud Lillian Conrad - B. Jan. 23, 1881)
Married Oct. 14, 1903
Eva Margaret Frank - B. Oct. 7, 1908)
Austin G. Felton - B. Oct. 23, 1906)
Married Sept. 8, 1929
Mary Margaret Felton - B. Oct. 26, 1930

James Simpson Frank - B. July 30, 1881 - D. June 9, 1903

Ella Walton Frank - B. July 28, 1892)
Dale Edwin Bellows - B. Nov. 17, 1891)
Married Nov. 27, 1913
Emma Ruth Bellows - B. Oct. 19, 1914

Johnston H. Frank - B. Aug. 24, 1855) D. July 29, 1912
Susie B. Barbee - B. Sept. 30, 1858)
Married Feb. 14, 1878
Willie W. Frank - B. Feb. 11, 1880)
Lora E. York - B. Feb. 5, 1881)
Married Mar. 26, 1902

Leonidas C. Frank - B. Nov. 29, 1881)
Ethel S. Wright - B. Jan. 1, 1886)
Married Oct. 2, 1906
Lucian Craig Frank - B. Sept. 23, 1909
Jessie Van Zandt - B. Mar. 13, 1910
Married Aug. 28, 1932
Leonidas C. Frank II - B. Nov. 21, 1933
Malcom W. Frank - B. Nov. 18, 1912

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Johnston E. Frank - Aug. 24, 1855)
Susie B. Barbee - B. Sept. 30, 1858) D. July 29, 1912

Mary Barbee Frank - B. Nov. 23, 1883

James Everett Frank - B. Feb. 26, 1886)
Mae B. Sullivan - B. May 4, 1888)
Married May 4, 1908
Dorothy A. Frank - B. May 12, 1909
Donald E. Frank - B. Feb. 16, 1912
Elva M. Frank - B. Nov. 12, 1919
James H. Frank - B. May 24, 1922

Allie Lewis Frank - B. Mar. 31, 1889)
Frank A. Muth - B. Jan. 27, 1887)
Married July 16, 1913
E. John Muth - B. June 11, 1914
Susan Beth Muth - B. Mar. 15, 1921
Frank A. Muth - B. Jan. 12, 1925

Roger Peak Frank - B. Feb. 14, 1892)
Mabel A. Wilson - B. Oct. 1, 1894)
Married Aug. 12, 1927
Laura Mae Frank - B. July 20, 1929

Walton C. Frank - B. Feb. 2, 1895)
Ruth Miller - B. Nov. 5, 1898)
Married Mar. 6, 1923
Walton Frank - B. Dec. 27, 1923

Paul B. Frank - B. Apr. 7, 1899 - D. Feb. 1, 1900

Edward L. Frank - B. May 23, 1901)
E. Louise Hagar - B. Apr. 30, 1901)
Married - ?
Lloyd Frank Jr. - B. Sept. 8, 1926
John E. Frank - B. Mar. 16, 1928
Wm. D. Frank - B. Aug. 14, 1930

Laura Albert Frank - B. July 22nd, 1904

Joshua C. Frank - B. Nov. 14, 1858)
Susie M. Dykes - B. Nov. 30, 1860)
Married Nov. 18, 1880
Linnie S. Frank - B. Nov. 31, 1881

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Joshua C. Frank - B. Nov. 14, 1858)
Susie M. Dykes - B. Nov. 30, 1860)

Alma M. Frank - B. Aug. 1, 1883) D. Feb. 7, 1920
Chester Attebury - B. June 24, 1882)
Married Nov. 13, 1902

Mary Susan Attebury - B. Sept. 19, 1913

J. Carl Frank - B. Mar. 5, 1887 - D. Aug. 25, 1898

Lucian Frank - B. April 9, 1890)
Pauline Ash - B. July 9, 1892)
Married Jan. 25, 1912
Alma Jayne Frank - B. Feb. 21, 1922

J. Craig Frank - B. Aug. 15, 1899)
Ruth Bloodsworth - B. Sept. 24, 1894)
Married Oct. 28, 1919

Eva M. Frank - B. June 24, 1861)
Frank Ridgeway - B. Mar. 16, 1855) D. Jan. 20, 1923
Married Apr. 17, 1884

Mariam Ridgeway - B. Feb. 28, 1885)
Norman S. Genung - B. Aug. 19, 1881)
Married Nov. 10, 1910
Norman R. Genung - B. Aug. 13, 1914
Lewis Thomas Genung - B. Mar. 5, 1916
Geraldine Genung - B. Sept. 8, 1919

Walton F. Ridgeway - B. May 27, 1886)
Elsie Drury - B. July 17, 1887)
Married Feb. 5, 1908
Charlotte Ann Ridgeway - B. Apr. 20, 1916

James D. Frank - B. Mar. 28, 1864) D. Jan. 12, 1930
Maud Elmore - B. Aug. 14, 1871)
Married Aug. 24, 1892

Lewis Elmore Frank - B. July 22, 1893)
Ethel C. Smith - B. Aug. 13, 1893)
Married Sept. 16, 1919
Carlyn Everson Frank - B. July 17, 1920
William Elmore Frank - B. May 7, 1926

George Ellison Frank - B. Nov. 21, 1898 - D. Oct. 16, 1918

James D. Frank, Jr. - B. Mar. 17, 1910- D. June 24, 1927

Laurinda C. Frank - B. Aug. 26, 1866)

Fred Kurtz - B. Feb. 24, 1865)

Married Nov. 29, 1893

Frank Kurtz - B. Nov. 11, 1899 - D. Apr. 6, 1910

Frederick Kurtz - B. Oct. 25, 1902)

Esther Klingaman - B. July 5, 1903) D. Dec. 16, 1929

Married Apr. 21, 1928

John Albert Kurtz - B. Aug. 29, 1906)

Mary V. Wray - B. Feb. 14, 1903)

Married Aug. 11, 1929

Mary Jane Kurtz - B. Jan. 5, 1934

Bettie Fisher Frank - B. Mar. 6, 1869 - D. Jan. 3, 1871

Laura Albert Frank - B. Sept. 29, 1872) D. Dec. 31, 1900

Glenn B. Roseberry - B. July 14, 1874)

Married Oct. 2, 1895

Records from Walton Craig's Bible:

Walton Craig - B. July 29, 1803 - D. August 6, 1892

Laurinda Peak Craig - B. June 9, 1809 - D. August 15, 1872

Married July 31, 1828

Children:

Evalina Peak Craig - B. Sept. 12, 1830

Issac Watkins Craig - B. Jan. 13, 1834

Elizabeth Morris Craig - B. May 28, 1835

Dudley Peak Craig - B. Nov. 26, 1836

John Anderson Craig - B. Oct. 8, 1838

Walton Craig - B. July 29, 1841

Albert Gallatin Craig - B. Feb. 14, 1844

Benjamin Craig - B. April 24, 1848

Leonidas Craig - B. Jan. 26, 1850

Marriages:

Evalina P. Craig to James S. Frank - Feb. 24, 1852

Elizabeth M. Craig to James M. Fisher - May 14, 1856

Dudley P. Craig to Emma Schenck - Oct. 19, 1859

Albert C. Craig to Laura E. Huston - Feb. 11, 1868

Walton Craig Jr. to Emma Mitchell - Apr. 27, 1870

Benjamin Craig to Sallie Thompson - Oct. 1, 1872

Leonidas Craig to Mary Talbott - Dec. 21, 1876

Births of Grandchildren:

Children of James S. and Evalina P. Frank

Walton Frank - Dec. 8, 1852
Johnston Frank - Aug. 24, 1855
Joshua Frank - Nov. 14, 1858
Eva May Frank - June 24, 1861
James D. Frank - Mar. 28, 1864
Laurinda C. Frank - Aug. 26, 1866
Bettie Fisher Frank - Mar. 6, 1869
Laura Albert Frank - Sept. 29, 1872

Children of James and Elizabeth M. Fisher

Martha Fisher - May 26, 1857
Walton Craig Fisher - Jan. 28, 1860
Nathaniel Fisher - Jan. 22, 1862
Emma C. Fisher - Feb. 11, 1864
Mary Elizabeth Fisher - Feb. 2, 1867
Laurinda Arrabella Fisher - Mar. 17, 1870
James McCoy Fisher - Sept. 11, 1872
Eva Frank Fisher - Feb. 28, 1875

Son of Dudley P. and Emma S. Craig

Ulysses Peak Craig - June 21, 1860

Children of Walton and Emma M. Craig

John Mitchell Craig - Dec. 22, 1870
Walton Craig - Apr. 27, 1872
Mary Emma Craig - Nov. 15, 1874
Lydia Marguerite Craig - Sept. 26, 1880

Children of Albert G. and Laura H. Craig

James Frank Craig - Apr. 29, 1870
Eva May Craig - Feb. 4, 1875

Children of Benjamin and Sallie T. Craig

Harvey Walton Craig - Apr. 24, 1875
Ella Moore Craig - Jan. 11, 1878
Laurinda Craig - July 12, 1880
Antoinette Craig - Aug. 5, 1882

Children of Leonidas and Mary T. Craig

Walton Wilber Craig - Feb. 24, 1878
James Frank Craig - Aug. 20, 1879
Mary Elizabeth Craig - Oct. 29, 1881
Annie Talbott Craig - Mar. 18, 1884
Ulie Paul Craig - Dec. 20, 1887
June Ward Craig - June 11, 1892
Laurinda Peak Craig - May 16, 1896

Births of Black Servants - Susan's Children

Jane Vincent - Dec. 24, 1850	Harry Vincent - Oct. 15, 1851
Patsy Vincent - Oct. 1, 1854	Dennis Vincent - Sept. 17, 1856
Elsy Vincent - Feb. 24, 1859	Louise Vincent - Sept. 10, 1861

Births of Black Servants - Susan's Children (Cont'd)

Henry Clay - Mar. 14, 1843

Phoeby Clay - Oct. 15, 1839

Her Children -

Adam Smith - Dec. 15, 1858

Peter Smith - Jan. 31, 1860

Lewis Smith - May 17, 1861

Florian Smith - July 3, 1862

Elija Smith - Oct. 20, 1863

Scott (Jane's Child) May 2, 1860

Florence Nov. 17, 1861

Adam Smith worked for Walton Craig until Walton Craig's death.

John Dykes, grandfather of Susie Dykes Frank, a resident of Parkville, built the first brick house in Kansas City and was offered 15,000 acres of its bluffs for his pay but refused. Parkville at that time was considered the coming city of the West and Kansas City bluffs not worth considering.

Walton Craig, Sr. and Frederick Spencer started in the "flag" industry over sixty years ago, and it is still a flourishing business. They made a flag for a Pittsburg concern, 80 x 160 feet, the largest flag known. It was hung from a steeple of a brick building, July 4, 1910, and a strong wind wrapped it around the steeple and the 452 pound weight pulled down the steeple.

Bettie Craig was tormented by her sister, Ev Craig, when they were children. Ev thought Bettie beautiful and insisted on putting her hair up in curl papers to make her more beautiful. But Bettie was so uncomfortable she was determined to get even. So one night when they were cozy in their trundle bed, Bettie would whisper then answer herself pretending it was Eva, and the repeated requests for quiet from their father were of no avail. Bettie was willing to be chastized if Ev could be included. Have heard her tell this and laugh about how she got even with Ev.

In Dallas, Texas, near the center of the city, on a ten acre plot are two homes, an Old Ladies Home, and a Children's Home or Orphanage. They were endowed by Juliette Peak Fowler and Sarah Peak Harwood, sisters, and daughters of Jefferson Peak. They are operated by the Christian Church, and the Courier, a little weekly church paper, publishes the names of those sending donations.

Eva Frank was known as the Queen of Grass Hills in her childhood.

Tandy Ellis, a small boy in Ghent, KY. rushed in to his mother for protection, and his mother much concerned asked what was the trouble, and he replied, "Here come that boy." But it was only little Inda Frank.

Laura Frank had a new watch she was very proud of, and she was showing it to her grandfather Walton Craig. He was very deaf, but while he was examining the works Laura became worried and appealed to her mother to get it away from him. He sensed her uneasiness and said, "I'm not gwine to hurt it."

Elizabeth Morris Craig gave her nieces sterling silver cups. J. C. Frank at Madison, MO. has my mother's and Laura B. Criag of Ghent, KY., has another.

James M. Fisher when a small boy, said he was either going to be a Catholic Priest, or a street car driver. (At that time mules were used to pull the cars.) Jim changed his mind and preferred banking when he grew up.

When Lizzie Fisher was a small child, her family were visiting at her grandfather's. They had been at her Aunt Ev's for the day and feasted on pears. Late that evening her father decided he would go back to Sister Ev's, and Lizzie was eager to go with him. He told her, however, she must not ask for any more pears. "Well", she replied with a sob, "What will I tell Aunt Ev when she asks what I am crying about?"

Walton Craig was much disturbed when his granddaughters Lizzie Fisher and Inda Frank were visiting him for fear they would be old maids. Each morning he would ask them if they were engaged yet. They finally told him Lizzie was engaged and he was much relieved.

Albert G. Craig was the family doctor, much loved by everyone, but he was very conscientious. His sister Ev was ill and sent for him. He came and made a call and was leaving without giving her any medicine. When she reminded him about it he said, "No, Sister Ev, I don't think you need any." His wife was not well, and his little girl felt her mother was being neglected because he didn't give her mother some medicine, so she told her mother she would get Dr. Woolen to give her some medicine.

Emma Ruth Bellows when a small girl sitting in her highchair, put her feet on the table. Her mother said, "Why Emma Ruth!" Emma Ruth replied, "I know better."

When Hartly Frank was about four years old, he was visiting his Uncle Will at Helena, MO. Sometimes we have mud in Missouri, so Uncle Will took Hartly for a buggy ride. Hartly was much thrilled, said it was a thing with great big wheels that went round and round, and he said it began to rain and Uncle Will raised the roof. When the hearers laughed he said, "Well, the ceiling then."

When Elmore Frank was a small boy, Brother Lawrence, a much loved minister was their guest, and he was complimenting the biscuit. Elmore said, everybody brags on my mother's biscuit.

When Dot Frank was a small boy, they were having an entertainment and Dot was to give a short recitation. He walked out on the stage and smiled at the audience and was so thrilled he forgot his piece. His brothers, Walton and John, were very much humiliated.

Sandy Faulkner played a fiddle and acquired the name of "Old Rosin the Bow". The following is one of his melodies,

"I have traveled the wide world over,
And now to the other I go,
For I know that kind quarters are waiting
To welcome Old Rosin the Bow."

Uncle Walton tells a joke about a horse raised by a Tandy and owned by a Craig, and afraid of a jug.

Uncle Walton remembers a brick church between Ghent and Carrollton, Kentucky, and when it was demolished Eva Peak Frank had a paper from the corner stone saying, "Benjamin Craig - two barrels of whisky" and he was not the only one subscribing whisky.

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Another item: Will of John Kendall, Westmoreland County, Virginia dated 30 Jan. 1754, 26 March 1754. Daughter Ann Kendall at 18; Frances dau. of Samuel Kendall; Sarah dau. of Robert Frank; Borrington son of Robert Frank; Stephen son of John Bailey; wife Elizabeth.

James Johnston (brother of Polly) was drafted in 1780 under Captain William Starrton and Captain James Browning. He was under Lafayette in the Virginia Campaign and was at the surrender of Yorktown. He moved to Kentucky in 1792 and lived in Henry County, Kentucky. Applied for pension in 1832 for 9 months service as private. Born 1764 in Culpepper County, Virginia and died in Kentucky.

JOHN JOHNSTON - Veterans Administration, Washington Rev. & 1812 Wars
Section AWF

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim s. 31168, that John Johnston was born in 1757 in Culpepper County, Virginia. While residing in Culpepper County he enlisted in 1777 and served as private at different times in Captain Browning's and William Green's Companies in Colonel Lewis' Virginia Regiment. He was in an engagement with Tarleton and in the battle of Petersburg, his service amounting in all to eighteen months. He stated that the first part of his service was as substitute for his father, whose name is not given. He was allowed pension on his application executed

July 31, 1832, at which time he was living in Henry County, Kentucky. He was pensioned as John Johnson, Senior. In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name of person paid and possibly the date of death of the Revolutionary War pensioner, John Johnson (Johnston) S. 31168, you should apply to the General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., citing all of the following data - John Johnson, Senior, certificate number 833, issued October 19, 1832, to commence March 4, 1831, rate \$60.00 per annum, Act of June 7, 1832, Kentucky Agency. A. D. Hiller.

JOHN JOHNSTON, Senior

Henry Co., Ken. Court, Jan. Term, 1834. On the 7th of Jan. 1833 Robert Sullinger deposed that John Johnston who was entitled to a pension under the act of Congress of 1832, died 2 Aug., 1832; that he was the person named in the Certificate of Aug., 1832, and in Certificate of 19 Oct., 1832, and signed Lew. Clark, Sect. of war. That Jack and Sandford Johnston, Polly Frank, wife of Thos. Frank, dec'd and Matilda Berry, dec'd, late the wife of John Berry, are the only heirs of and the children of John Johnston, dec'd. That Thomas T., Mary, Will S., Elvessa and John Berry are the children of John Berry dec'd. and Matilda Berry. That Sanford Johnston was appointed guardian of the children (Thos. T., and Mary) of Thos. and Polly Frank. Certified by Edmond Thomas, Clerk. Henry Co. Court.

John Johnson's heirs, Jack, and Sandford Johnston; Polly B. Frank; Thos. F., Will T., Elvessa and John Berry received warrant No. 7659, issued 25 March, 1834, Recorded Book 3, page 324.

Mary Berry married a Mr. Nuttail. The above named heirs appointed William H. Todd, of Frankfort, their attorney. Signed before William McCracken, J. of P. Henry Co., Ken. Certified Edmond P. Thomas, Clerk.

You will find Frank data in Spotsylvania county, VA., also, St. Marks parish being in Spotsylvania and later in Culpepper. In a book of Spotsylvania Co. records I found the name of Thomas Frank as witness to a will of John Martin dated July 20, 1747 and Dec. 6, 1748. I found the names of Elizabeth and Robert Frank and in 1772, Sd. Frank and Robert Frank, Jr. One must study the dates of the formation of the counties in order to be able to know where to look for data. Madison county was cut from Culpepper about 1792, so there might be something there.

In the tax lists of Shelby county, Kentucky, 1792-1795, I find the names of John and James Johnston and Elijah Frank. As you probably know Henry County was taken from Shelby in 1798, so they probably did not move their homes in order to be in Henry county. I imagine this Frank is one of your family.

Crozier, W. A., Westmoreland County, (Virginia) pp. 35: Will of Robert Frank, dated 17 Nov., 1725, 22 Frb., 1726. To granddau. Margaret Spilman, grandson Robert Frank, grandson Wm. Plunkett, grandson John Grinning, granddau. Elizabeth Kington, grandson Thomas Grinning, grandson Thomas Frank. Exor: John Plunkett.

Fothergill, A. B., Westmoreland Co. Wills, pp. 169: Will of Robert Frank, dated 8 Feb. 1776, 24 Sept. 1776. Son James, grandson James Frank, wife Mary, son Robert, son Samuel.

Fothergill, A. B., Westmoreland Co., Wills, pp. 81: Will of Sarah, widow of Robert. dated 20 June, 1725 (nuncapative). eldest son Thomas, children Robert, Samuel, Martha and Neremiah to John Piper until of age. Attest by John Plunkett.

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JOHNSTON DATA

The First Known Ancestor -

1. John Johnston, born 1757 in Culpepper County, Virginia. Served 3 years in the Revolution. Went to Kentucky with his family and his brother James about 1792. Lived in Henry County. Died August 2, 1832, age 75. (No knowledge of wife's name.)

Children:

1. John (Jack) Johnston, born _____, married October 6, 1806, in Henry County, to Mary Anderson. (No further record of descendants.)
2. Sanford Johnston, born _____, married July 5, 1810, Polly Perry in Henry County. Children: Richard, Notley, Bobbie, and Elizabeth.
3. Polly B. Johnston, born _____, married Thomas Frank.
4. Matilda Johnston, born _____, married John S. Berry. Children: Thomas T., William Sanford, Elvessa, John J., and Mary Berry. (This Elvessa married her cousin Richard Johnston, son of above Sanford. One of their children, Ernest, had daughter Josephine who married my father E. S. Humston in Knox County, Missouri) The Humstons lived in Henry County, Kentucky, also.

FRANK DATA

1. Thomas Frank, born , married Polly B. Johnston
daughter John Johnston. They lived in Henry County, Kentucky.
He died . She died .

Children:

1. Sanford Frank, born
married
Lived in Schuyler county, MO.
Died
2. Johnston Frank, born
married, first,

married, secondly, Lucy Salome Whissen,
daughter of Amos F. and Ann Dearing (Humston)
Whissen. She was born in 1835, and died
October 9, 1906 in Bagdad, Shelby Co., KY. No
children by second marriage.
He died.
3. Thomas T. (or F.) Frank
4. Mary Frank

THOMAS FRANK AND POLLY FRANK'S CHILDREN

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1. Gordon Frank
Married first
Married second.....Simpson
Children first marriage:
 1. Gordon Frank, Jr., married Nancy Hombs, dau. of John Hombs,
Glenwood, Missouri
Children:
 1. Luther (died)
 2. William F., Kirksville, Judge Mo. Supreme Court
 3. C. N. Frank, Missouri oil inspector
 4. Ivan Glenn Frank, president University of Wisconsin
 2. Mollie Frank,
Married.....Jerome
 3.Frank,
Married.....Tuttle
 4.Frank,
Married.....Westmoreland
- Children second marriage:
5. Sanford Frank
 6. John Frank
 7. Boone Frank
2. Sanford Frank
Married.....
Children:
 1. Burkett Frank, Downing, MO.
 2. Verni Frank
 3. Johnston Frank
Married.....
Children:
 1. James Frank, Maryville
 4. Notley Frank

FROM GRANDFATHER TO GRANDCHILD

Letter Written by J. S. Frank to Mrs. Eva Frank Roseberry
Over 26 Years Ago.

Twenty-six years ago last September an event of great importance occurred in the family of W. C. Frank of Maryville. It was the birth of a daughter, the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frank. She is now Mrs. Beal Roseberry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frank were living at that time at Ghent, Kentucky, and upon learning of the arrival of the little stranger Grandpa Frank wrote her a graceful letter, full of the kindness of his spirit, worthy of the man who wrote it and worthy of being preserved as it has been.

Grandpa Frank did not know the letter was still in existence until this week when it was given him. The Tribune is permitted to publish it.

GHENT, KENTUCKY, September 8, 1876.

My Dear Little Granddaughter: - The announcement of your arrival in the United States of America was hailed with joy by grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends generally. We have been anticipating the event for some time, but as usual we were off guard at the time and allowed ourselves to be surprised.

We are troubled that you are without a name and if nothing better offers you are at liberty to wear your grandpa's name. He will continue to be very proud of you, however, under any name that you may select. Your uncles and aunts are all very anxious to see you, particularly your aunt Laura Albert. She talks all the time about her little niece and, by the way, she would willingly share her name with you.

We expect however that the Kavanaughs will gobble up the name, as the mother's kin have priority in such matters - at least your Grandma Frank always thought so and I have lived with her so long I have about adopted her notions of things generally. She is a dear, good old grandma and likes to have things her way as much as she can.

I, like you, am the oldest grandchild. I know of no special advantage therefrom except a little more spoiling and petting from aunts, uncles, etc., but I want you to be a dear good girl and not get spoiled.

You must use the members of your body and grow strong. Exercise your mind and grow smart and when your talents are drawn out then I want to see my little granddaughter an active laborer in the Lord's vineyard. I want to see her an Angel of Mercy succoring the weak, the helpless and the distressed of earth. Then when her earthly life is over I want to look out from the portals of heaven and see her coming to receive her reward.

Tell your ma and pa to rejoice over what God has given them; to love you as much as they please and to take good care of you and as soon as convenient bring you to see your Kentucky kin. We are all quite well, have a fine school, plenty of hard times, plenty to eat and wear and some to spare. God is good to us and we feel we should thank Him for all we enjoy and all we hope for.

Give our love to all and write me another nice little letter soon. Be a good little girl, don't cry and keep ma and pa awake of nights unless you have the colic or something hurts you. In either case call on them for help. Don't make them keep a bright light burning for you to look at while you are asleep but if you are wakeful and lonesome call them all up, have the lamp lighted and if ma and pa complain tell them not to forget that when they were little folks they enjoyed such things - and you can prove it on them. Stand up for your rights while you are little for you may be neglected if you don't. Give our love to all kind friends and don't forget your

Grandpa and Grandma Frank.

Mrs. Inda Kurtz Dies After 11-Month Illness

Mrs. Inda Frank Kurtz, 78 years old, 315 West First street, who had resided in Maryville sixty-eight years, died at 8:15 o'clock last night at the St. Francis hospital where she had been a patient eleven months. Mrs. Kurtz was taken to the hospital when she fell at her home and suffered a fractured hip.

Mrs. Kurtz was born August 26, 1866, at Ghent, Ky., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James S. Frank. She was married to Fred Kurtz, an early day Maryville business man, who died January 3, 1937. Mrs. Kurtz was a member of the First Presbyterian church, Chapter L. P. E. O., and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving are one son, John Kurtz, who is with the navy, in the Pacific and one granddaughter, Mary Jane Kurtz, Maryville.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Price funeral home with the Rev. L. R. Mahard, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. Chapter L members will attend in a body and will conduct the ritual at the cemetery. Members of the D. A. R. will also attend in a body.